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Reference is made [redacted] an affidavit to be procured from Yuri Rastvorov stating his knowledge of the intelligence background of both Vladimir and Evdokia Petrov. (S) (U)

[redacted] I am forwarding herewith an original and one copy of a four-page affidavit which sets forth the information you desire. For your additional assistance there are also furnished two copies of a photograph of Vladimir Petrov which appeared in the April 15, 1954, issue of "The New York Times."] Also forwarded is page thirty of "Time" magazine, the issue of May 3, 1954, which depicts Mrs. Petrov. [These photographs are the basic ones on which Rastvorov based his identification of the Petrovs] (S) (U)

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 10/4/54

FROM : SAC, WFO [redacted]

SUBJECT: VLADIMIR MIKHAILOVICH PETROV, was.
EVDOKIA ALEXEYEVNA PETROVA, was.
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Rebu airtel 9/30/54, requesting interview with YURII ALEKSANDROVICH RASTVOROV. (S) (U)

There is enclosed herewith for the Bureau, affidavit which was prepared on 10/2/54, and executed by RASTVOROV on the same date. There is also enclosed notarized copy of the above affidavit for Bureau file in captioned case. (S) (U)

A copy of this communication, together with additional copy of the affidavit of RASTVOROV is enclosed for incorporation in the Bureau file on RASTVOROV. (S) (U)

For the further assistance of the Bureau, there is enclosed herewith page 30 of "Time" Magazine of 5/3/54, containing the photograph of EVDOKIA PETROVA, which was identified by RASTVOROV. (S) (U)

During the interview, RASTVOROV advised that he had learned from acquaintances in MVD, names not recalled, that PROLETARSKY had entered the Soviet Intelligence Service in the late 1930's. Further, he was informed by these acquaintances that PROLETARSKY had been employed as a cipher clerk in NKVD Headquarters in Moscow in approximately 1943, prior to the time he began his assignment in Stockholm, Sweden. He also indicated friends, names not recalled, in MVD, who were personally acquainted with PROLETARSKY, had mentioned his name to RASTVOROV on numerous occasions. In view of the hearsay character of these statements, they were not incorporated in affidavit form. (S) (U)

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AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned, YURII ALEKSANDROVICH RASTVOROV, being duly sworn, freely and voluntarily deposes as follows:

I was born July 11, 1921 in Dmitrovsk, Orlovskaya Oblast, U.S.S.R. My education was received in the Soviet Union. In 1929 I enrolled in the 5th school (middle school) in Voronezh and completed middle school in 1939 at the 268th school in Moscow. In 1939 I was admitted to Moscow Geodesy Institute (Moskovskiy Institut Geodezii), however, after two months was conscripted into the Soviet Army.

In September, 1940 I was selected to be a student at the Military Faculty of the Far Eastern Language Institute where I pursued the study of Japanese and English. With the outbreak of war I was sent to the Office of Military Intelligence at Chita and later to the Seventh Army Area in Outer Mongolia to train in psychological warfare aimed at the Japanese. During this period I was commissioned a Lieutenant in GRU (Glavnoye Razvedyvatelnoye Upravleniye - Chief Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff of the Red Army). Following entry of Japan into the war I was reassigned to the Far Eastern Language Institute, then located in Fergaga, near Tashkent, and later moved to Stavropol, north of the Caucasus.

In February, 1943 I was transferred from the Military Intelligence Service to NKGB (Narodny Komissariat Gosudarstvennoye Bezopasnosti - People's Commissariat of State Security) in Moscow. In 1944 I was transferred to the Intelligence Directorate of NKGB and sent to the Caucasus on an assignment having to do with the relocation of national minorities from Southern Russia to Siberia. Upon completion of this task I returned to Moscow and received a thorough training in intelligence work and was graduated from the NKGB Intelligence School at the end of 1945.

Following graduation I returned to the First Directorate of NKGB in Moscow. In January, 1946 I was sent to Tokyo as an NKGB Intelligence Officer under the guise of a Foreign Office translator. In November, 1946 I returned to Moscow where I served as desk officer until January, 1948, when I was assigned to a special group engaged in recruiting

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agents among Japanese war prisoners held in Siberia. At this time I held the rank of Captain of MGB. In August, 1948 I was reassigned to Moscow, and remained there until 1950, when I received assignment with the Soviet Mission in Tokyo. By this time I held the rank of Major. In Tokyo my primary objective was the recruitment of Americans as Soviet Intelligence agents, however, due to the difficulties of this task, my time was devoted primarily to the management of Japanese Agents.

In January, 1954, while still in Tokyo, I made the decision to break with the Soviet way of life and on January 24, 1954, put this decision into action and requested asylum. At that time I held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of MVD (Ministry of Internal Affairs). It is observed that the Foreign Intelligence Directorate in which I was employed was an integral part of the Soviet Government agency having constant jurisdiction over State Security, and under a series of organizational changes, known variously as NKGB (People's Commissariat of State Security), MGB (Ministry of State Security), KI (Committee of Information, and MVD (Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Concerning Mrs. EVDOKIA ALEXEEVNA PETROVA, I desire to state that I first saw this woman toward the end of 1947, in the offices of KI (Committee of Information) in Moscow, following the return of her husband and herself from their assignment in Sweden. I did not know her personally at this time but was aware of her identity. She was then employed as a desk officer on the Scandinavian desk of the Second Directorate (Europe) of the Committee of Information.

I became personally acquainted with this woman during the latter part of 1948, at which time we both attended the Foreign Language School of the Committee of Information in Moscow, and studied the English language in the same group. We occupied adjoining seats in the classroom at this school. The classes were held three times weekly and we both attended regularly until June, 1950, when I discontinued the school and departed Moscow for assignment in Tokyo. I have not seen Mrs. PETROVA since that time.

The Foreign Language School of the Committee of Information mentioned above, was comprised of intelligence personnel only, and the majority of the students in this

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activities were known to the Bureau. (S) (U)

The information furnished by the Petrovs is being identified and correlated with case files on the individuals mentioned and where names are not known, compared with investigative cases in this field. This data will be forwarded to the Field for additional investigation where warranted. In those instances where an immediate recheck with the Petrovs is warranted questions will be forwarded [redacted] it would appear desirable that the Petrovs be interviewed directly by a Bureau representative in order that we may have the full benefit of their knowledge in the Soviet intelligence field. Our interviews of Rastvorov and Derjabin, Soviet intelligence defectors who had only limited experience compared to the Petrovs, have been successful [redacted]; [redacted] A recent news release also reflects that Petrov is ill with pneumonia. (S) (U)

ACTION:

As indicated above, immediate attention is being given to each individual situation described by Petrov and investigative action is being requested where warranted. [redacted] (S) (U)

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In late 1949, PROLETARSKIY was transferred from the KI to the MGB (Ministry of State Security). I knew of this transfer through conversations with PROLETARSKIY's wife, who also told me, on a later occasion, that she and PROLETARSKIY had both performed cipher duties at the Soviet Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden, between 1943 and 1947. I cannot state what names PROLETARSKIY and his wife used in Sweden. I have never known him personally under any name other than VLADIMIR MIKHAILOVICH PROLETARSKIY.

PROLETARSKIY was a relatively well-known officer among Soviet Intelligence personnel at Moscow in the late 1940's, and he and I had several mutual friends in the Soviet Intelligence Service. It is my best recollection that PROLETARSKIY held the rank of Major or Lieutenant Colonel in 1950.

I last saw PROLETARSKIY in 1950, at Moscow, prior to my departure for Japan. I had no knowledge that PROLETARSKIY or his wife had been transferred to Australia until I recognized his photograph in the "New York Times" in April, 1954.

I have carefully read the above statement, consisting of four typewritten pages, and hereby certify as to its truthfulness and accuracy.

YURII ALEKSANDROVICH RASTVOROV

District of Columbia: (ss)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of October, 1954, at Washington, D. C.

Notary Public in and for the District of Columbia. My Commission expires April 15, 1955.

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TO : Director, FBI [redacted]

DATE: October 15, 1954

FROM : Legal Attache, London

SUBJECT: VLADIMIR MIKHAILOVICH PETROV, was.
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ReBulet 10/4/54, advising that information obtained from subject's wife regarding [redacted] for developments in this regard. (S) (U)

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[redacted] was in London when reflet was received. He was discreetly questioned regarding the PETROV case and he informed that all the information supplied by MRS. PETROV, and forwarded to [redacted] (S) (U)

In view of the above, no inquiries are being made [redacted] It is, therefore, suggested the Bureau [redacted] for further details. (S) (U)

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TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: October 28, 1954

FROM : W. A. Branigan

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Subject and his wife Evdokia Petrova are Soviet defectors who were stationed in Australia attached to the Soviet Embassy and defected during April, 1954. [redacted] previously forwarded a letter written by Mrs. Petrov to Yuri Rastvorov, a Soviet defector [redacted] forwarded a letter from the subject addressed to Alexander Orlov which he requests be delivered to Orlov. You will recall that Orlov is a former Soviet intelligence official who fled the Soviets in 1938 and came to the United States. On July 20, 1954, we ceased interviewing Orlov because of his uncooperative attitude in failing to furnish certain information concerning the identity of an individua known to him [redacted] (S) (U)

The letter from Petrov is in Russian; however, a translation reflects that it is dated September 12, 1954, is addressed to both Mr. and Mrs. Orlov, recounts Petrov's background in Soviet intelligence and briefly why he defected. He congratulates Orlov on his recent book, "The Secret History of Stalin's Crimes" and recalls that he had handled cipher messages from Orlov when Petrov was employed as a cipher clerk in Moscow. He closes with the thought that the time may come when they can personally meet and have a discussion and furnishes his address [redacted] (S)

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RECOMMENDATION:

If you agree, the attached letter should be furnished to the New York Office for delivery to Orlov. For that purpose, there is attached a letter to New York with instructions. Also attached [redacted] *indicating that Petrov's letter will be delivered.* ~~(S)~~ (U)

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TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: October 28, 1954

FROM : W. A. Branigan

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school held the status of intelligence officers. It is my recollection that Mrs. PETROVA held the rank of Senior Lieutenant when I first met her and was subsequently promoted to the rank of Captain. I recall her as a career officer. I have identified a photograph of EVDOKIA PETROVA from the May 3, 1954 issue of "Time" Magazine on page 30, as a good likeness of the woman described above. I wish to state that I knew her and she was known in the Soviet Intelligence Service by her maiden name of EVDOKIA ALEXEEVNA KARTSEVA. I was aware that she was married to VLADIMIR PROLETARSKIY (PROLETARSKY).

From conversation with EVDOKIA, I learned that she was employed at an earlier date in the Fifth Directorate (Cipher) of GUGB/NKVD and had worked with GERASIM BALASANOV, who was a friend of mine. EVDOKIA also told me that she and her husband had been assigned to the Soviet Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden, where she was employed as a Cipher Clerk. Both were officers of the Foreign Intelligence Directorate of NKGB, later MGB, during this service in Sweden.

I learned from EVDOKIA that in 1948 she was not a member of the Communist Party but was a member of the Komsomol (Young Communist League). As a candidate for membership in the Communist Party, she was then in the process of being accepted as a Party Member.

As a matter of interest, EVDOKIA told me that she had a child by a previous marriage, who had died. I also have a recollection that she stated that she had learned a little Japanese.

On April 15, 1954, I observed a photograph in the "New York Times" newspaper of that date, which was reported to be of VLADIMIR PETROV. I recognized this photograph immediately as that of an MVD Intelligence Officer with whom I was previously acquainted. I had known this individual under the name of VLADIMIR MIKHAILOVICH PROLETARSKIY.

I first met PROLETARSKIY after he returned to Moscow from Sweden, which occurred, I believe, in 1947. PROLETARSKIY was then given an assignment in the Second Directorate of the KI (Committee of Information), which was responsible for positive intelligence operations in Europe. During 1948 and 1949, I saw PROLETARSKIY frequently at KI Headquarters, both in the office area and in the mess hall. PROLETARSKIY was sometimes accompanied by his wife, whom I knew well because of having attended language school with her.